

**REMARKS**

The Office Action dated December 7, 2005 has been received and carefully studied.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-3, 5-8 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by WO 01/19482. The Examiner states that WO '482 teaches a process for the improved recovery of double-stranded DNA by diluting the sample with water and then subjecting it to constant pressure filtration at a first and then a second pressure.

In order to expedite allowance, claims 1-3, 5-8 and 13 are canceled without prejudice by the accompanying amendment.

The allowance of claims 9-12 is noted with appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,



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